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TAGS:PORG, EAIR, ICAO, FR

SUBJECT: ICAO LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2-23,  
1975

REF: STATE 69955

1. WE WERE ABLE TO FIND KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL AT  
FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DISCUSS REFTEL QUESTION ONLY  
YESTERDAY UPON RETURN FROM EASTER VACATION OF  
MME. LA BATUT, ICAO DESK OFFICER IN MINISTRY'S  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION. (WE UNDERSTAND  
FROM HER LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN ONLY TODAY,  
APRIL 8.) SHE SAID THAT GOF IS DISPOSED TO GO ALONG  
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WITH PRELIMINARY, INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE

SELECTION OF UNIT OF ACCOUNT OTHER THAN POINCARE-FRANC. SHE STRESSED THAT GOF HAD NO FIRM POSITION AT THIS TIME AND, LIKE US, WANTED TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISION. SHE INDICATED THAT QUESTION WAS ANYWAY OUTSIDE THE EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF ICAO AND MIGHT HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AT MONETARY MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN JUNE THOUGH SHE WAS VAGUE ON JUST WHICH MEETINGS THIS MIGHT BE. (COMMENT: ONLY JUNE MEETING IN PARIS OF WHICH WE ARE NOW AWARE IS THAT OF INTERIM COMMITTEE OF GOVERNORS OF IMF.) SHE SAID THAT REPLACEMENT OF POINCARE-FRANC BY SDR'S AS UNIT OF ACCOUNT WAS ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION, THOUGH THIS WAS NOT GOF OFFICIAL POSITION AT THIS STAGE.

2. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE CONTACT GUILLAUME. WE HAVE LEFT WORD AT HIS OFFICE CONCERNING SUBJECT WE WISHED TO RAISE WITH HIM, BUT MME. LA BATUT INFORMS US THAT IN ANY CASE GUILLAUME, AS LEGAL ADVISER IN SGAC, WILL BE ONE OF FIRST OFFICIALS SHE CONSULTS FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITHIN GOF SUBSEQUENT TO OUR APPROACH TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
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